# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 1 million patients are missing/discontinuing treatment every year but the same has not been notified by Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP);

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has any plan for electronic patient records in the RNTCP linking with Aadhaar number to monitor TB patients treatment and missing patients;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of action plan of Government to control TB and keep track of all patients diagnosed of TB and ensure that they finish their course of treatment and are cured?

## Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) & (b): As per the recent WHO estimates, about 1 million patients are either diagnosed or put on treatment for Tuberculosis outside the Revised National Tuberculosis Programme (RNTCP) and therefore not notified and mentioned as "missing".
The programme is enhancing its Information Communication Technology (ICT) to supplement the programme efforts to reach the unreached including the private providers and to address treatment adherence.
(c) to (e): RNTCP already has a web portal called Nikshay developed by NIC and where ever Aadhar number of patients is available, it is recorded in the system.
Under the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) prevention and control of Tuberculosis/Multi Drug Resistant Tuberculosis is addressed in a comprehensive manner. The new National Strategic Plan for RNTCP for the period beginning April 2017 to March 2023 is being developed. It includes leveraging of Information Communication Technology for TB notification and strengthening of monitoring.
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